Upgradation and construction of new Airport

4308. SHRI KRISHANA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVAITION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to increase in the air traffic, the congestion at various airports have also increased considerably;

(b) if so, whether several civil aviation experts have stressed the need to upgrade the existing airports and also to construct new airports; and

(c) if so, the details of the plans of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b and (c): Upgradation of airports and other infrastructural facilities is a continuing process and is taken up in a phased manner depending upon projected requirements and availability of resources.

Major projects of upgradation envisaged during 8th Five Year Plan by the Airports Authority of India are as follows:—

(i) Modernisation of air traffic control services at Bombay and Delhi Airports.

(ii) Procurement of Aiport Surveillance Radars and Monopulse Secondary Surveillance Radars.

(iii) Procurement of Instrument Landing Systems.

(iv) Development of Model airports.

(v) Construction of International Passenger Terminal Complex (Phase-III) at Bombay airport.

(vi) Construction of Domestic Terminal Complex (Phase-II) at Bombay aiport.

It is proposed to set up new airports at Kargil in Jammu and Kashmir, Lengpui in Mizoram and Tura in Meghalaya.

Sound and Light show at Shaniwarwada

4309. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Sound and Light show at Shaniwarwada, Pune; and

(b) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The proposal of Sound and Light Show at Shaniwarwada, Pune has been approved. The completion of the project is the responsibility of the State Government.

Shortage of Chief Flying Instructors

4310. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Flying Schools in the country are facing an acute shortage of Chief Flying Instructors;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Flying Clubs in several cities are closed due to the shortage of Chief Flying Instructors; and

(c) if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take so as to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Some of the Flying Clubs are closed due to management/financial problems.